

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 3, 5 and 7 have been objected to as containing informalities; Claim 15 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being vague and indefinite; Claims 1-10, 12 and 15-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by McMaster et al.; and Claims 11 and 13-14 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1-10 and 12 have been canceled, without prejudice, while new Claims 17-23 have been added and thus, Claims 11 and 13-23 remain active.

Considering first then the Examiner's objection to Claims 3, 5 and 7, it is to be noted that such claims have now been canceled, without prejudice.

Considering next then the rejection of Claim 15, it is to be noted that such claim has now been amended for proper compliance with U.S. patent practice by claiming a frame unit rather than frame units.

Considering next then the rejection of Claims 1-10, 12 and 15-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by McMaster et al., it is to be noted that, in view of the Examiner's objection to Claims 11 and 13-14 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, Claims 1-10 and 12 have been canceled, without prejudice and Claims 11 and 13-14 have now been placed in independent form. Applicants further note that claims 17 and 19 have been added which each depend from claim 13 and claims 18 and 20 which each depend from claim 14. New Claims 21-23 have also been added which correspond with combined limitations of Claims 1 and 11, Claims 1 and 13, and

Claims 1 and 14, respectively. In view of the allowable language in Claims 11, 13 and 14, it is therefore submitted that Claims 17-23 also merit indication of allowability.

In view of the foregoing, an early and favorable Office Action is believed to be in order and the same is hereby respectfully requested.

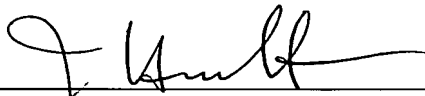
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